

Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Request

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Date of Meeting: April 27, 2004
Date Submitted: April 21, 2004
To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
From: Parwez Alam, County Administrator
Gary W. Johnson, Director, Growth and Environmental Management
Subject: Request to Schedule an Agricultural Classification and Silviculture Permit Process Workshop on September 14, 2004 from 2:30–4:00 PM

Statement of Issue:

This is a request to schedule the Agricultural Classification and Silviculture Permit Process Workshop on September 14, 2004 from 2:30–4:00 PM.

Background:

On March 2, 2004 the Property Appraiser wrote the County Administrator requesting a meeting to present the Commissioners a briefing concerning the classification of property as agricultural on the Leon County Tax Roll. This was a result of the comments in recent Board meetings regarding this issue. At the March 23, 2004 Board meeting, the Commission requested that a workshop be scheduled to address the agricultural classification process and the mid-year adjustment review process. Furthermore, the Board wanted to discuss County staff evaluation of how staff relates to the Right to Farm Act, the vegetation management plan and an explanation on why some properties are able to retain the agricultural classification while in process of development, with Welaunee as an example. Staff was further directed to include the Leon County Property Appraiser's Office and the Forestry Industry representatives in the workshop.

Analysis:

The Property Appraiser's Office has been contacted and they agree to conduct the workshop jointly with the Board of County Commissioners, with the September 14, 2004 date as an acceptable date. The Leon County Cooperative Extension Office, and Forestry Industry representatives will also be involved in the preparation and presentation of the workshop material.

Options:

1. Approve the Request to Schedule an Agricultural Classification and Silviculture Permit Process Workshop with the Property Appraiser on September 14, 2004 from 2:30–4:00 PM.
2. Do not approve the Request to Schedule an Agricultural Classification and Silviculture Permit Process Workshop on September 14, 2004 from 2:30–4:00 PM.
3. Board direction

Recommendation:

Option #1.